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Thanks.

It's my understanding that if all goes as planned water and sediment sampling will be completed today. There has been some discussion about additional sampling if/when the oil spill reaches the coast. However, there is nothing definite at this point.

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Thanks. I've heard that this is the last day of your sampling for water and sediment. Is that true?

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Glenn,

The analytical methods being used are EPA Method 8081A for organochlorine pesticides and EPA Method 8082 for PCBs. The target analytes and minimum reporting limits for various media can be found in Chapter 7, Appendix 5 of our Laboratory QA Manual. The QA Manual may be accessed at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/sesd/asbsop/asbsop.html>

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Rich,

I got your voice mail, but I don't have the answer to all of your questions.

First is the question of why did Region 4 sample for Pesticides/PCBs? The reason Region 4 is collecting the full suite for the water and sediment samples with the bay study is to complete the baseline assessment that was initiated post Katrina. Obviously we are not expecting to see pesticide hits in either media as a result of the oil spill, but this effort along the coast puts R4 in a great position to answer other questions about a variety of contaminants in the water or sediment if we have another major event like Katrina. As you may recall the concern after Katrina was the potential inundation of coastal industrial sites, raw wastewater inputs, etc. As we developed the QAPP (which all concerned agreed to) for this study last Friday night and Saturday we thought it was prudent to collect as much data as possible in the most cost effective manner available to us.

The second question was on what methods are being used for analysis of PCBs and Pesticides. I'm copying Gary Bennett to answer your question.

Thanks,  
Glenn

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